

Please add the following claims:

-- 11. The adhesive tape of Claim 6, wherein said coating is a release coating.

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12. The adhesive tape of Claim 7, wherein said application rate is 0.2 to 1.5 gm².

13. The adhesive tape of Claim 9, wherein said application rate is from 20 to 30 gm². --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to eliminate multiple dependency and to conform the claim language to proper idiomatic English.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

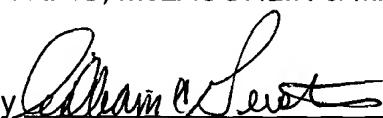
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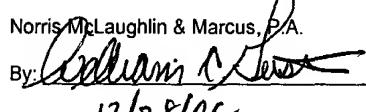
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SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION

Claim 2 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the thickness[es] of the backing [are] is from 15 to 120 μm [, preferably from 20 to 50 μm].

Claim 3 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the edges of the polypropylene film have a serrated cut.

Claim 4 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the polypropylene film [has been] is corona treated or flame treated in order to improve the adhesion of the adhesive composition to the polypropylene film.

Claim 5 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein a primer layer [has been] is applied between the polypropylene film and the adhesive layer.

Claim 6 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the side of the polypropylene film opposite the adhesive composition bears a coating[, especially a release coating].

Claim 7 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim [1] 11, wherein the application rate of the release coating is from 0.1 to 3 g/m^2 [, preferably from 0.2 to 1.5 g/m^2].

Claim 8 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is a solventborne adhesive composition based on styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymers.

Claim 9 (amended). The adhesive tape [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein the application rate of the adhesive composition is from 15 to 60 g/m²[, preferably from 20 to 30 g/m²].

Claim 10 (amended). [The use of an adhesive tape] A method for detecting unauthorized broaching of a package, which comprises sealing said package with the adhesive tape of Claim 1, by virtue of the fact that on removal from the surface of a package the adhesive tape is irreversibly destroyed and clearly indicates an attempted broaching by tearing or splitting in the thickness direction.

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